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SUBJ: MTT VISIT

1. RSO REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REQUEST FOR COMMENTS,
HOWEVER, DELAYED UNTIL MAJORITY OF POSTS RESPONSES WERE
RECEIVED.

2. IN GENERAL ALL POSTS' COMMENTS REGARDING MTT VISIT WERE
VERY GOOD AND ALL POSTS FELT PROGRAM USEFUL. HOWEVER, THIS
OFFICE WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

(1) THAT TRAINING BE GIVEN TO ALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
PRIOR TO COMING OVERSEAS.

(2) THAT THE DRIVING FILM USING FOREIGN CARS BE USED SINCE
THE MAJORITY OF CARS (NON-OFFICIAL) USED IN THIS AREA ARE
NON-AMERICAN.

(3) THE RESIDENCE SECURITY FILM MADE SOME GOOD POINTS
BUT WAS GENERALLY NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS AREA. SUGGEST A
COMPREHENSIVE SLIDE PROGRAM THAT CAN BE EDITED FOR A
PARTICULAR AREA.

(4) SINCE THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM MUST BE A CONTINUAL ONE,
STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT RSOS (PARTICULARLY WITH LARGE AREAS
SUCH AS ABIDJAN) BE GIVEN A SUPPLY OF THE AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS
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TO RETAIN AT POST AND CONDUCT PERIODIC BRIEFINGS. THIS

PARTICULAR POINT WAS RAISED IN ALL OF THE REPLIES WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE.

(5) THAT TO ENSURE FULL POST COOPERATION, DEPARTMENT SEND NOTICES OF MTT VISIT TO AMBASSADORS REQUESTING SAME.

(6) THAT SELECTED SUBJECTS BE INCLUDED IN GENERAL FSI BRIEFINGS.

(7) THAT MTT SEND OUT PRIOR TO TRIP PROPOSED SCHEDULE, RECOMMENDED PARTICIPANTS AND GENERAL TIMING OF EACH SUBJECT.

(8) THAT MTTS TAKE PARTICULAR CAUTION TO AVOID APPEARANCE THAT RSOS ARE "NEGLECTING" THEIR WORK. WHILE MTT VISITING THIS AREA MADE SPECIAL EFFORT IN THIS REGARD, POINT IS RAISED BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING THAT COULD EASILY HAPPEN.

(9) THAT MTT REFRAIN FROM MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCES. THIS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE RESPONSIBLE RSO. THIS IS RAISED BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR 197 AND 197 1/4 LOCKS WHICH WE JUST CANNOT MEET.

(10) MTT SHOULD CONSIDER GOING FIRST TO RSO POST OF RESIDENCE, DISCUSS AND SHOW PROGRAM THERE AND THEN WITH RSO CONTINUE REMAINING ITINERARY SINCE RSOS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PECULIARITIES OF EACH POST AND INFORMATION COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN PRESENTING MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM.
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